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SUBJECT: FRENCH TECHNICAL MEETING ON MODELING TECH-
NIQUES FOR MONITORING THE STRATOSPHERE

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1. FRENCH INVITATION TO MARCH 21-25 MEETING AS
OUTLINED REFTELS A AND B INDICATES THAT THE TECHNICAL
MEETING MARCH 21-23 AND THE DRAFT REPORT WORK ON
MARCH 24 AND 25 ARE PART OF THE PROGRAM AGREED TO IN
WASHINGTON LAST OCTOBER AND TO BE THE ANNUAL MEETING
CONTEMPLATED DURING NEGOTIATIONS OF THE TRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT DONE AT PARIS IN MAY 1976. RECENT DIS-
CUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY'S SCIENCE COUNSELOR
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AND THE UK EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR AT PARIS INDICATE
THAT LONDON ASSUMES IT WILL HOST THE "ANNUAL MEETING"
SOMETIME DURING THE LATTER PART OF APRIL OR THE FIRST
PART OF MAY. WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON'S UNDER-
STANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE MARCH 21-25 MEETING AT
PARIS AND SUGGESTED LONDON MEETING.

2. MACRAE OF UK EMBASSY PARIS QUESTIONED THE ROLE OF THE FRENCH MARCH 21-25 MEETING WHEN HE RECEIVED HIS INVITATION ON JANUARY 24. AT THAT POINT HE ASSUMED THAT THE MEETING WAS TECHNICAL, THAT THE MARCH 24-25 DRAFT REPORT WORK WAS TO FOCUS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETINGS HELD MARCH 21-23 AND THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT LONDON WOULD HOST A MEETING IN EARLY MAY TO COMPLETE THE WORK ON THE JOINT ANNUAL REPORT. IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF ON FEBRUARY 1, MACRAE INDICATED THAT LONDON UNDERSTOOD THAT PARIS AND WASHINGTON HAD AGREED TO THE "ANNUAL MEETING" BEING IN LONDON IN EARLY MAY AND THAT THE VILLEVIEILLE MEETING TO BE HELD IN PARIS MARCH 21-25 WAS A TECHNICAL SESSION COUPLED WITH A PRELIMINARY WORKING MEETING TO OUTLINE THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT. MACRAE INDICATED THAT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA OFFICIAL STUYCK-TAILLANDIER THE FRENCH WERE AGREEABLE TO LONDON VIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE MARCH MEETING AT PARIS AND THAT THE "ANNUAL MEETING" WOULD TAKE PLACE IN EARLY MAY IN LONDON. THE UNKNOWN INGREDIENT IN THIS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED SITUATION IS THE UNDERSTANDING AND INTENTIONS OF US PARTICIPANTS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE MARCH MEETING AND WHETHER OR NOT THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN LONDON IN EARLY MAY.

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